

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: A. Chinnaian et al. Attorney Docket No.: AXCO121326  
Application No.: 10/798834 Art Unit: 3733 / Confirmation No.: 5037  
Filed: March 10, 2004 Examiner: D.C. Comstock  
Title: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR FIXING BONE SEGMENTS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Seattle, Washington 98101

April 17, 2009

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Applicants respectfully request that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated October 17, 2008, set to expire on January 17, 2009, be extended by 3 months, to expire on April 17, 2009.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the 3-month extension fee of \$555 to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. In response to the Office Action, a continuation application is being filed concurrently herewith (our Docket No. AXCO-1-33197).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1740.

Respectfully submitted,

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